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UNC PEMBROKE

ARMSTRONG

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	UNC PEMBROKE (16-21 (8TH SEED))	9	15	16	0	
	ARMSTRONG (28-1 (1ST SEED))	25	25	25	3	





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FLORENCE, S.C. - The No. 17-ranked and top-seeded Armstrong Atlantic State University volleyball squad advanced to the semifinals of the 2013 Peach Belt Conference Championships with a 3-0 win over eighth-seeded UNC Pembroke Braves on Friday morning at the Smith University Center in Florence, S.C. Set scores were: 25-9, 25-15, 25-16.

The Pirates (28-1) advance to take on the winner of fourth-seeded Columbus State and fifth-seeded Montevallo at Noon on Saturday. UNC Pembroke ends its season with a 16-21 overall record.

Armstrong started off the first set quickly, getting nine straight points to take a 10-1 lead in the set. The Braves closed to within four, 10-6, but the Pirates then scored 10 of the next 11 points to take the first set. The Pirates opened up a 10-4 lead in the second set and never looked back in taking a 2-0 lead in the match.

In the third set, UNC Pembroke played even with the Pirates until back-to-back kills from **Emily Wylie** sparked a run to put the Pirates up, 14-7, and Armstrong finished off the match on an attack error to move into the semifinals for a sixth straight season.

Junior **Stephanie Sfara** led all players on the day for the Pirates with

GAME LEADERS		
UNC PEMBROKE		
K: Sabrina Gonzalez - 7		
B: Caroline Pridgen - 2		
D: Danielle Brown - 18		
SA: Sabrina Gonzalez - 1		
ARMSTRONG		
K: Stephanie Sfara - 13		
B: Kristen Holmes - 4		
D: Morgan Hill - 18		
SA: 2 Players (#5, #13) - 1		
TEAM STATS		
UNC PEMBROKE		ARMSTRONG
.019	Hitting %	.296
2.0	Blocks	7.0
43	Digs	52

13 kills, hitting .345 while also contributing eight digs and three blocks. Senior **Jessica Santaniello** notched nine kills and 10 digs, while senior **Megan Pando** delivered 34 assists and junior **Morgan Hill** notched 18 digs.

1	Aces	2
FULL STATS		

UNC Pembroke was led by freshman Sabrina Gonzalez' seven kills, freshman Shekinah-Joy Toloumu's 22 assists and junior Danielle Brown's 18 digs.

Armstrong is the defending PBC Tournament champions and the Pirates are searching for their fourth PBC Tournament crown. The Pirates also won the league tournament title in 2002 and 2008 as well as last season.



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